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Report by Tom Martin

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raised concerns over the future of the Alt Crossens catchment pumps which serve and protect swathes of the West Lancashire area from flooding.



Recent flooding on a road and field in Hesketh Bank

FIVE flood pumps that were due to be decommissioned in West Lancashire have received a stay of execution... for the time being.

Concerns have been raised that flooding in the borough could become even worse if the pumps are stopped.

The Champion reported last week how residents and farmers, particularly in the Burscough and Hesketh Bank areas, suffered misery after flash floods resulted in homes and crop fields being filled with water - a situation which keeps on happening whenever there is sustained heavy rainfall.

Lancashire County Council say prolonged heavy rainfall caused widespread surface water flooding due to the volume of water overwhelming local drainage systems. But it is feared that without the five pumps operating, the situation could be made a lot worse.

The borough's MP, Rosie Cooper, has

The Environment Agency gave notice of its intention to cease operating these pumps back in 2015, but this notice has been extended pending resolution of legislative problems which prevent the formation of a local water management board. The latest extension runs until March 31, 2021.

MP Cooper, said: "We've seen again parts of West Lancashire and particularly Burscough flooding in recent weeks and that is even with the continued operation of the five flood pumps."

"I and many residents fear that should the notice for the Environment Agency to cease operation of these pumps be followed through, homes, businesses and agricultural farmland could all be subject to increased flooding.

"I have received an interim update from the EA to say they will continue to operate the pumps until legislation is passed allowing for the formation of a local water management board, but would then seek to transfer ownership and operation to the newly formed body.

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The former West Lancashire College

Former Westbank college eyesore to be demolished in the coming weeks

AFTER years of complaints that the former West Lancashire College buildings are an eyesore, the site could finally be demolished in the coming weeks.

The former Westbank campus site in the centre of Skelmersdale, has been repeatedly vandalised since its closure in 2011.

There have been a number of calls to tear down the buildings, with local residents complaining the site 'resembles a war zone'.

But following talks with both West Lancashire College and Lancashire Council Council, demolition works could be on the horizon.

Lancashire County Council are acquiring the buildings and officers are finalising all elements of the purchase and the demolition contract, which will

commence this autumn.

The news was welcomed by West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper, who said: "Local residents have often raised concerns with me that these buildings appear to be left insecure and members of the public can freely gain access.

"Others have been disappointed at having to put up with the eyesore of a derelict building.

"I am pleased that LCC are finalising the transfer of these buildings with a view to immediate demolition, and expect this work to start in the coming weeks.

"The wider site has already been earmarked for the future Skelmersdale train station so getting this clearance work done now will ensure this doesn't cause any delay."

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Trust admits series of hip replacement errors

Report by Danielle Thompson

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk NHS Trust have admitted to a series of hip replacement errors.

Former policeman Steven McNorton, from Southport, pursued a claim against the Trust after undergoing multiple corrective surgeries and being left with unequal leg lengths following routine hip replacements in 2016.

As part of an ongoing review, the Trust was notified of a further 20 cases which are being investigated.

Senior solicitor, Patricia Hitchen from Fletchers Solicitors, based in Southport, said: "In January 2016, Mr McNorton underwent a ceramic total right hip replacement at Southport Hospital and a similar surgery in June 2016 on his left hip."

"Ceramic is used to reduce friction in hip implants and utilises a liner which sits inside a metal shell in the pelvis. It is essential to insert the liner so that it sits flush within the rim of the shell."

"In both of his surgeries that did not happen, and this was apparent on the immediate post-operative x-rays."

"Had they been checked then it would have been obvious to the surgeon that the liners were not sitting



Steven had his hip replacement surgery done at Southport hospital

correctly and at that stage they could have been easily removed and correctly replaced.

"The error was not noted and the right liner went on to fail catastrophically with the left also fracturing. Mr McNorton required emergency hospitalisation, multiple revision surgeries and suffered from deep wound infection and intractable pain."

Having previously enjoyed an active lifestyle, with various DIY projects and a large garden to maintain, he has had a very limited mobility and long-term pain since 2017.

Mr McNorton said: "This is a life-changing thing for me, there is no indication I will ever get better. I do try

to carry on as normal, but there is a payback every time because the pain is so monumental. And that is going to be with me forever. Some days are quite dark, because you can't move and your independence is completely taken away."

Mr McNorton first reported clicking in his right hip in December 2016. At the point, the fracture was visible on radiograph reports, but this was not picked up, said Ms Hitchen.

"Furthermore there were no concerns expressed in relation to the incorrect seating of the liners. By May the following year, Mr McNorton's pain had increased and he took himself to A&E for inspection. Catastrophic failure of the right hip replacement was finally noted by the orthopaedic team and a series of revision surgeries were scheduled.

The Trust have admitted that both implants were not fitted to a reasonable standard from the outset and also that the error was not noted during follow up. It was accepted that the failure of both the implants was avoidable together with the multiple revision surgeries and the need for emergency hospitalisation.

The case settled with a five-figure sum - a 'bittersweet' result for Mr McNorton, who said: "It's a funny feeling, because there's never going to be any jumping for joy over something like this. There are some



Steven McNorton

practical things that I can now arrange to aid with my day-to-day activities, but ultimately, I just want to move forward."

Dr Terry Hankin, the Trust's medical director, said: "We are aware of a small number of claims relating to orthopaedic procedures conducted between March 2012 and June 2016 which subsequently required revision (corrective) surgery. The surgeon involved left the Trust in March 2017."

"With the support of the Royal College of Surgeons, the Trust is conducting an ongoing review of orthopaedic procedures that required revision surgery to identify any concerns related to individual surgical practice. We are in contact with the affected patients."

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Bescar Lane Railway Station

Northern to resume early morning stops at Bescar Lane

EARLY morning passenger stops at Bescar Lane rail station are set to resume from Monday, September 14.

Following concerns raised by local residents and commuters, West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper wrote to Northern Railway's chief executive Nick Donovan to request that the stops be reintroduced.

It was argued that the decision to take the stop out of service has caused inconvenience for many passengers.

Northern Railway responded to the MP confirming that they will be reintroducing early morning stops with Bescar Lane at 06:37 and 08:20 but only on trains travelling towards Southport.

Ms Cooper welcomed the reinstatement: "Residents in areas like Bescar Lane rely on public transport to connect with urban areas for study, work and leisure and so I am pleased that Northern Railway intend to restore the early morning service taking passengers to Southport."

"Disappointed constituents contacted me unhappy that their commute to work had been disrupted so I wrote to Northern Railway's chief executive calling for their reintroduction."

"Northern responded to me confirming that the emergency/temporary timetable they are operating due to Covid-19 has meant Bescar Lane could not be called at for operational reasons, with a significant number of operational staff stood down as vulnerable, but that trains from Bescar Lane will resume at 06:37 and 08:20 from September 14."

Mask reminder from health chiefs

HEALTH experts in West Lancashire are reminding locals to continue wearing face masks to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

Dr Peter Gregory, local GP and chair at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "As life begins to get back to some sort of normality, we must all remain vigilant and follow the government's rules.

"Even if you don't show any of the symptoms, you could still be carrying coronavirus, so

face coverings are a good way to protect others when you are out and about.

"Even though face masks and coverings are now mandatory, those with certain disabilities and children under the age of 11 will be exempt.

"Whether you wear one or not, we urge you to continue to stay alert, wash your hands frequently and stay two metres apart from others whenever possible."

Parts of the borough are at the mercy of the weather if pumps turned off, says MP

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I have written to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs seeking a detailed update on the flood pump situation here in West Lancashire and asking what progress has been made to bring through the required legislation.

"Failure to address the future drainage and water management arrangements, will mean that when those pumps are turned off, agricultural land and residents' homes in the AltCrossens catchment area is at the mercy of the weather.

"We can't have food-producing land waterlogged again, more homes at risk and homes that have been flooded facing increased risk and incidents.

"There needs to be some progress."

Memorial bench for cyclist Alison, 47, who was killed in freak Aughton road tragedy



The memorial bench in memory of Alison

Tribute by family to mum who died when her bike hit a pothole and veered into path of a car

Report by Tom Martin

THE family of a Melling mum who was killed after her bike hit a pothole in Aughton and caused her to veer into the path of a car has marked two years since her death by placing a memorial bench in her memory.

Alison Doyle, 47, died on August 19, 2018, when her bike hit a pothole and she lost control and collided with a Ford Ka on Bold Lane.

To commemorate two years since the mum-of-two died, her family have put a memorial bench on Clieves Hill Lane, in Aughton.

A plaque attached to the bench reads: "In loving memory of Alison Jane Doyle. Touched the hearts of those who knew her. Loved and remembered always."

Her sister, Gillian Piercewright, told the Champion: "Clieves Hill was a special place for Alison and she would often take herself up there to not only enjoy the beautiful views but she found it a calming and comforting place which helped when she was going through breast cancer treatment.

"So this seemed the perfect place for her bench to go and we would like others to enjoy the same views that Alison often did."

"There have been many flowers kindly left for Alison this week and it looks really beautiful."

Alison was a nurse and Melling Parish Councillor.

Following her death, a coroner ruled at an inquest at Preston Coroner's Court that she died as the result of a road traffic accident.

Questions were raised about the management of the roads by Lancashire County Council and it was heard there had been four complaints about the state of the road in the previous year.

The pothole was at least 15 inches in length and two and a half inches deep and was filled in later that day by the county council.

Roman fort discovered in Burscough is given protection by Historic England



A dig taking place at the site

A ROMAN fort discovered in Burscough has been given special protection after its importance was recognised by Historic England.

The site was first discovered by Steve Baldwin in 2003 when large sandstone blocks were displaced during agricultural works in the field.

Recent work carried out at the site by landowners had raised concern among archaeologists and local volunteers who had been digging at the site over the years.

Residents were also concerned by the potential for irreversible damage at the site and the harm that may be caused from use of the land as a campsite.

Last week West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper secured commitment from both Historic England and West Lancashire Borough Council for the protection of the Roman Fort.

The site is now registered as a Scheduled Monument and has been recognised by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport as of 'national importance'.

This scheduling does not automatically rule out all development but does ensure that no damage takes place to nationally important archaeology, or that if damage can be justified by the public benefits of the proposal it is kept to a minimum and it is

properly recorded by professional archaeologists.

MP Cooper said: "This is fantastic news for Burscough and West Lancashire that the site of a Roman Fort has been found and is now registered for special protection as a site of national importance."

"Future archaeological digs could find out lots of valuable and historic information about the origins of the fort and the wider area."

"The excitement around this could lead to a tourism boost for Burscough and West Lancashire so I am pleased that the council, Historic England and the Department all recognise the site and will work to ensure its long term protection."

"Historic England tell me that Roman sites are very rare here, and this site is of significant importance as this multi-phase fort fills a gap in understanding of the military occupation of north-west England."

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Dogs banned from more play areas and sports grounds

West Lancs Council updates list of no-go places for pet owners

Report by Tom Martin

MORE play areas and sports grounds in West Lancashire have been added to a list of places where dogs are either banned or not allowed off their lead.

The borough council carried out a consultation last year to help shape a new Public Space Protection Order when local residents suggested new areas to be added.

In some cases, dogs are not allowed off the lead and in others they are not permitted at all, such as sports grounds and children's play areas.

Among the changes include a requirement for dogs to be kept on a lead at Ormskirk Rugby Club, Tarleton Rugby Club and Tarleton Cricket Club.

The enclosed children's play area at Station Road, Hesketh Bank and the enclosed sports area at Evermoor Hub, Skelmersdale, will be areas where dogs will now not be permitted to keep these areas safe for children.

Councillor Gareth Dowling, portfolio holder for communities and community safety, said: "We are really pleased to receive and act on all the comments and feedback residents took the time to tell us about.



Dogs have been banned from more play areas in West Lancashire

"We know dog owners want to exercise their pets in a responsible manner and will support the decisions made to keep these sports grounds and play areas safe for their local communities."

Residents concerned about any other areas can still submit reports to the council which will be taken on board in any future reviews."

A person in charge of a dog will be guilty of an offence if at any time he or she takes a dog onto, or permits a dog to enter or to remain on, any of the children's play areas listed.

Anyone found committing an offence will be issued with a fixed penalty of £75.

Full details of the order and a list of areas can be viewed at www.westlancs.gov.uk/environment/dogs/dog-control.aspx.

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Brother of Manchester bomber given 55 years in prison for role in attack

Families label Abedi a 'coward' for refusing to face them in court after he chose stay in cell

Report by Tom Martin

THE brother of the Manchester Arena bomber has been jailed for at least 55 years for the murders of 22 people.

Hashem Abedi helped his older sibling Salman Abedi to plan the atrocity that killed 22 men, women and children and injured hundreds more on 22 May 2017.

Two of the victims were Saffie Roussos, an eight-year-old from Leyland, and 18-year-old Georgina Callander from Tarleton.

Saffie was a pupil at Tarleton Community Primary School and Georgina had a part-time job at Booths in Hesketh Bank.

Abedi was convicted on Thursday, August 20 after a court heard he was "just as guilty" as his brother, who detonated the bomb at the end of an Ariana Grande concert.

He was labelled a 'coward' by the victims' families after he refused to leave his cells to face them in court.

The bereaved families said the trial meant hearing "torturous information about this attack on our children".

Because Abedi was under the age of 21 at the time of the murders, the law forbids the imposition of a whole life order, meaning a life sentence with no minimum term.

Manchester-born Abedi, who had travelled to Libya before the bombing, was arrested shortly after the terror attack and extradited back to Britain to face trial.

He was found guilty by a jury in March of 22 counts of murder, attempted murder - encompassing the remaining injured and conspiring to cause explosions.



Georgina Callander (left) and Saffie Roussos



Hashem Abedi



More than 500 enquiries to foster four siblings after successful appeal

Report by Danielle Thompson

LANCASHIRE County Council are thanking the public and the media for the support received towards the ongoing appeal to find a loving foster home for three brothers and their sister.

A special request was recently made to find a Lancashire-based foster family where the children could be together. The children are currently living with two different foster families.

The brothers and sister, Harry aged 15, Arlo aged 12, Flynn aged eight and Lilly aged six, (not their real names) have a close bond and it is not in their best interests to be separated.

Being able to keep their ties with each other will help them to be able to thrive in the future.

So far, more than 500 enquiries have been made to the appeal, with over a million people reading about the children online.

County Councillor Phillipa Williamson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, is urging anyone who is considering fostering to think about whether they can help the family or other children in need of a loving foster home.



Cllr Paula Williamson

Councillor Williamson said: "The response has been amazing so far to our appeal to find a permanent, long-term fostering family where Harry, Arlo, Flynn and Lilly can grow up together.

"They have been through a lot in their young lives, and are all very close and supportive of each other.

"We are doing all we can to keep these children together. In cases like this, the family relationships take on extra importance. Being able to remain together will be an important source of comfort, strength and support.

"It is obvious that their story has touched so many hearts and we are following up all the enquiries we have

received so far. Every single enquiry is important to us, and if you've made an enquiry please bear with us and we will be in contact with you as soon as we can. We work tirelessly to make sure that we find the right foster carer or family to suit the needs of each child.

"The sad reality is that we need to find foster homes for about 20 new children each week. We often have to find fostering families for brother and sister groups, but this is a big number to try to accommodate – hence the appeal to the public. I'm hoping that we can encourage people to at least think this over as we also still urgently need foster carers for other children who need homes where they can stay together."

People are being asked to consider whether a change in their circumstances caused by the current coronavirus situation could leave them well placed to provide a loving home for these children.

The county council is also urging anyone who has fostered with them in the past to think about coming forward to offer the benefit of their experience.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Harry, Arlo, Flynn and Lilly should contact the fostering team on 0300 123 6723.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer visit the website: www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering.

'Speedo Mick' to be given British Citizen Award Medal of Honour

AN Everton fan known for wearing his speedos to the match and raising money for charity will receive a British Citizen Award Medal of Honour for all his efforts.

Michael Cullen, 55, otherwise known as 'Speedo Mick', will get the award after he raised over half a million pounds earlier this year, when he walked 1,000 miles from John O'Groats to Land's End in his blue speedos.

During the epic walk, he travelled through Sefton and West Lancashire, which included an overnight stay in Aughton after he suffered an injury.

Michael's passion for fundraising started in 2014 when he swam the English Channel raising £4,000 for a homeless hostel, based on his own previous experiences and struggles.

In addition to the £500,000 raised, over the past six years Michael, who lives in Dovecot, has raised an additional £160,000.

Michael's tough background includes spending a large part of his life homeless as well as battling addiction and mental health issues.

After hitting rock bottom, Michael had a mission to build a new way of living, away from his self-destructive behaviour patterns.

He is currently working on creating The SpeedoMick Foundation fundraising for



Michael Cullen, also known as Speedo Mick

community projects for disadvantaged young people, creating opportunities to bring people together to broaden their horizons to overcome isolation and experience positive attention and affirmation and to provide those most in need to relieve poverty and advance education.

Through his fundraising endeavours he has brought mental health, isolation and vulnerability to the forefront of communities through national broadcasts, newspapers and social media.

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Philip and Neil on their cycle challenge

of fundraising to help build a new classroom in the Kenyan town.

Philip, who works for Metropolitan Police assessing new recruits, said: "I was on holiday in Kenya near Mombasa and one evening while chatting to a local guy in a bar I heard there was a village school that had recently opened and they were struggling a little."

"Next day I went to investigate and I met with Principal Jane Mutinda and her teachers and pupils then decided to try to help them as much as possible."

To find out more about the charity, visit the website: www.sunriseacademycharity.com/

Philip cycles across Great Britain for huge charity effort

Report by Tom Martin

AN Ormskirk cyclist took on the ultimate challenge as he travelled around 1,000 miles across 14 days to raise money for charity.

Philip Barton, 49, completed the cycle with friend Nick Lilley when they took on the Land's End to John O'Groats challenge, which is the length of Great Britain!

They managed to raise around £1,500, which will be donated to the Sunrise Academy Ukunda Charitable Trust, which was set-up by Philip.

The charity is in the middle

Police commissioner praises Force in annual report

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner has praised the Force after his 2019/20 annual report was published.

The 12 month period saw the growth of the local task forces, tackling local issues in communities across Lancashire after support from the public meant additional dedicated local office were put onto the streets.

It also saw a reduction in

crime overall during period from April 2019 to March 2020.

It also saw Lancashire Constabulary named as one of the most efficient forces in the country by independent inspectors, in terms of how resources are used to tackle crime and keep people safe.

The Commissioner said: "My annual report provides a fantastic chance to reflect on the hard work that takes place every day to help make Lancashire a safer place. I am really proud of what we have achieved in the last twelve months and continue to achieve going forward."

"The unprecedented situation the Covid-19 pandemic has created has brought along its own challenges but I have been extremely pleased with the way the force has stepped up to these challenges and focused on protecting the public and keeping the county safe."



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A Merseyrail cleaner at work

Train cleaners do their best to keep services on track!

MERSEYRAIL chiefs say they are doing their best to keep services on track during coronavirus.

From cleaning to social distancing and contactless payments, railway staff are trying to keep passengers moving in the safest possible way.

A spokesperson said: "We've been busy putting a number of measures in place to make travelling on the Merseyrail network as safe and easy as possible.... from a new timetable with more services to enhanced cleaning and new ticket systems."

"We are cleaning trains and stations throughout the day, every day by using preventative microbial cleaning products and increasing litter picking in our trains and around our stations."

The additional cleaning measures include round-the-clock sanitising with deep cleans carried out overnight. There is then a 'second round' of cleans conducted by on-board cleaners during services. Merseyrail say they also have a new 'Flexi-Ticket', which is designed to assist with social distancing.

The spokesperson added: "To assist with social distancing, and to support passengers who are now travelling differently we have introduced the Merseyrail Flexi-Ticket. With just one visit to the ticket office you can buy three return journeys valid for travel over seven days."

Report by Tom Martin

THERE were plenty of elbow bumps and other socially distanced celebrations last week when pupils across West Lancashire got their GCSE results.

Results day on Thursday, August 20 was always going to feel a little different this year after the exams were cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak.

The GCSE grades were determined by teacher assessments after the government's controversial 'algorithm' was scrapped following wide-scale criticism prompted by the A-Level results.

However, there was still confusion for BTec pupils after a last minute delay to their release.

Students at Burscough Priory Academy have received their GCSE awards after an unprecedented year of remote learning and the cancelled exams.

Headteacher Lucy MacLaren said: "We are delighted that our students are now safely moving onto their chosen destinations, with some of them now able to aspire for even higher level courses or apprenticeships than they originally considered. In the meantime, they have so much to be proud of and these GCSE grades are a stepping stone to the next stage of life and the adventures ahead."

Pupils at Tarleton Academy have



Pupils from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College with their results

also been celebrating some fantastic results.

Head of School Mark Cunniffe said:

"It has been a pleasure to work with Year 11 over the last five years and to watch them grow and blossom as individuals. They forged excellent relationships with each other and our staff, creating a mutually supportive ethos.

"Despite them being denied the last six months of their 'normal' schooling, we know that their time at Tarleton Academy will enable all of them to embrace whatever future challenges lie ahead with confidence and positivity.

"As a school we will continue to work with them for as long as they need us, and they will always remain members of our wider school family."

Pupils at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College, in

Skelmersdale, are celebrating outstanding success in this year's GCSE results.

Notable among their achievements are James Adam, Rebecca Charalambou, Evie Cockle, Megan Haworth, Lucy McDonough and April Tomaselli, all gaining the highest Grades 8 and 9 in a wide spread of subjects.

Headteacher, Alison Knight, said: "I am immensely proud of all our young people. After all the uncertainties and anxieties of this year, they deserve the very best that life can bring them and, thanks to their hard work and resilience, working so well with our staff, local colleges and training providers, our students can now look forward to positive and successful futures as they make the transition to life beyond Our Lady's, whatever their chosen pathways may be."

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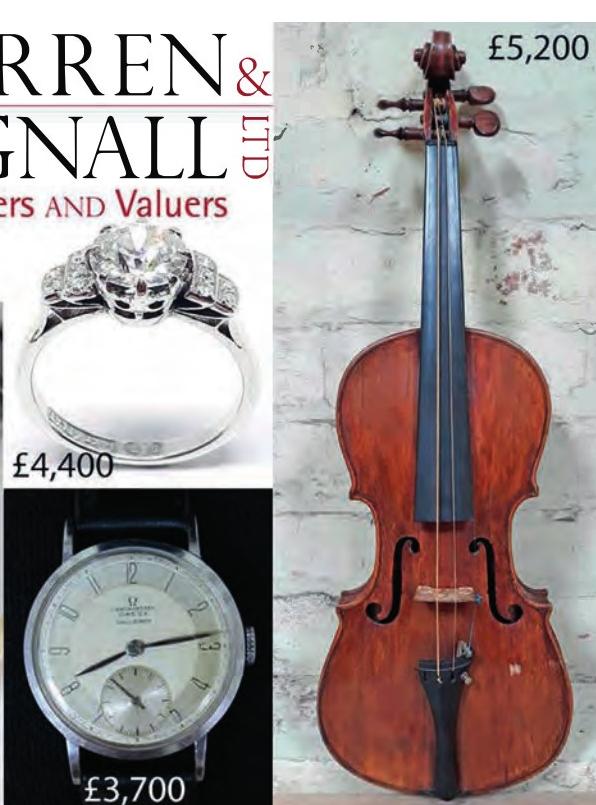


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West Lancs Triathlon postponed due to coronavirus concerns

Report by Tom Martin

THIS weekend's West Lancashire Summer Triathlon has been called off following concerns over coronavirus.

It was scheduled to take place on Sunday, August 30 at Edge Hill University, but organisers Epic Events took the decision to postpone the popular event.

This was after they were told by Edge Hill that the campus would remain closed to any events until 2021.

It comes after concerns were raised by Skelmersdale councillor John Fillis, who last month urged the organisers to "think again" about holding the West Lancashire event.

Leaders of West Lancashire Borough Council have already spoken of their fear over local lockdown measures after a spike in COVID-19 cases in other parts of Lancashire, including Preston and Blackburn with Darwen.

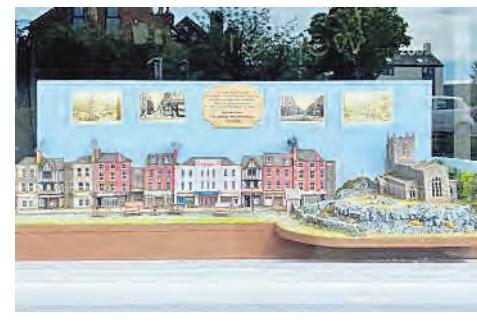


A participant of last year's West Lancashire Triathlon

As many as four million people in Greater Manchester, east Lancashire and parts of West Yorkshire are now banned from meeting people from different households indoors in response to a spike in COVID-19 cases.

The West Lancashire Summer Triathlon has now been rearranged for next year.

Model display of high street delights shoppers!



AN EYE-CATCHING display of Church Street has delighted passers-by after it was put on display at a shop in Ormskirk.

Chris decided to make the model during lockdown and he has dedicated it to all those who have passed away from the virus."



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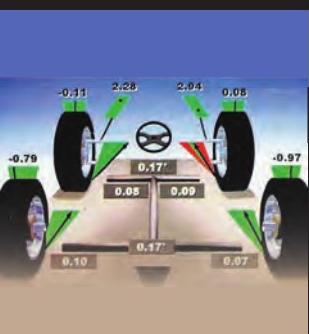
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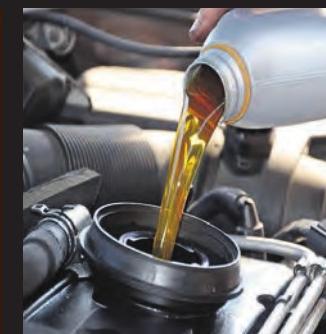


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The 12ft drop down the open drain in Banks

Lucky escape for youngster who fell 12ft down a drain

A FIVE-year-old girl suffered an injury to her arm when she plunged 12ft down a drain in Banks.

A picture of the drain she fell down, on Aveling Drive, was shared on social media although the youngster or her family were not named.

It is believed the grid cover gave way when she stood on it. She was helped out of the hole by her sister, 19, and brother, nine.

A spokesperson for the North West Ambulance Service confirmed to the Champion that they gave advice to a caller over the phone in relation to the incident after receiving an emergency call.

Along with the injury to her arm, the girl also suffered shock as a result of the fall, but an ambulance wasn't required.

Yob, 19, who set off firework at Liver Building avoids jail

Report by Tom Martin

A MAN from Scarisbrick has avoided a prison sentence after he set off a firework at the Liver Building and caused a reported £10,000 worth of damage.

Matthew Egglesden, 19, of Turning Lane, was sentenced at Liverpool Crown Court on Friday, August 21 when he was handed a 12 months' detention, suspended for 18 months, with a 15-day Rehabilitation Activity Requirement.

He was ordered to carry out 100 hours of unpaid work and to serve a three-month home curfew, from 8pm to 6am daily.

Egglesden will also need to pay just over £3,000 in compensation to Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service and a further contribution of £3,000 towards the loss suffered by the Liver Building.

The Champion has reported how Egglesden was arrested after a widely-condemned celebration of Liverpool Football Club's 19th league title win when thousands of people gathered at the city's Pier Head in June.

In social media footage, Egglesden could be seen setting off fireworks and aiming them at the Liver Building.

Detective Chief Inspector Cheryl Rhodes said: "This was a disgraceful act, which could have had even more catastrophic consequences and was part of a wider gathering that night, which was marred by people intent on committing crime and anti-social behaviour.

"Egglesden will now hopefully reflect on the consequence of his actions. He caused significant damage, not only to an iconic building, but to his



Matthew Egglesden

own future prospects, and to the reputation of this great city at a difficult time.

"Our efforts continue in identifying and putting before the courts each and every person who was involved in disorder and damage that night. A number of arrests have been made, and those people remain under investigation.

"During these difficult times, such gatherings put an unnecessary strain on our emergency services and could mean that we might not be able to get to other people who really need us."

Mersey Fire Area Manager Gary Oakford said: "Not only did Mr Egglesden's actions cause significant damage to one of the city's most iconic buildings, but they also took valuable fire & rescue service resources away from attending other potentially life-threatening incidents. This was at a time when we and our blue light colleagues were already under extreme pressure as a result of the pandemic."

Small businesses still have time to apply for funding

THERE is still time for West Lancashire firms to apply for the Small Business or Retail, Leisure & Hospitality grant funds.

If your business was in receipt of Small Business Rates Relief or is classed as a Retail, Leisure or Hospitality business, prior to March 11, 2020 then West Lancs Borough Council chiefs are urging you to check your eligibility and apply for a grant.

They are currently in the final stages of completing the programme and they are welcoming applications up until midnight on Friday, August 28.

Please note if you have already received a grant from them you cannot re-apply.

So far they have supported nearly 1,900 West Lancashire businesses with a total of

more than £21 million in grants.

These grants have been vital to the local economy – helping ensure the survival of shops, cafes, hotels, restaurants and many other companies.

Councillor Adam Yates, portfolio holder for Resources and Transformation, said: "We are really pleased we have been able to support the local economy by helping so many local businesses through the pandemic. As there is still some funding available, please visit the Council's website to check if your business is eligible."

To check eligibility and to apply go to: www.west-lancs.gov.uk/businessgrants

Businesses who make successful applications will receive their grant within ten working days of contacting them.

Public invited to watch NHS Trust meeting online

MEMBERS of the public will be able to watch the meeting of Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust board online next month.

Board members have been meeting virtually without the public present since the Covid-19 pandemic put a temporary halt to face-to-face meetings.

On Wednesday, September 2 the public will be able to watch the Board's deliberations as they happen online for the first

time. The link to join the meeting can be found on the 'board meetings' page of the Trust website.

The meeting starts at 9am and will run until 11.30am.

Observers can join at any time. Questions to the Board may be submitted by members of the public but they must be received at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Email them to: soh-tr.corporategovernance@nhs.net.

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Young filmmakers excited to hold movie premiere at cinema

Report by Tom Martin

TWO brothers from Ormskirk who made their own film will hold a premiere at the Plaza Cinema.

John and Matthew Reynolds, along with friend Conor O'Neil, are known as 'Some Guys with a Camera' and the three filmmakers recently released 'Blackbird'.

The film is set in Liverpool in 1985 and focuses upon nihilistic loner, Mary Kate as she turns to petty crime to climb the class ladder as an inner-city avenger.

Blackbird has been released to critical acclaim, including selection for the Buenos Aires International Film Festival as well as being finalists at the Flickfair Festival in June this year.

John, Matthew and Conor took part in a workshop at the Plaza Cinema, in Waterloo, to learn the basics of filmmaking and they will return to the venue on Monday, September 7 at 7pm to host a premiere screening of Blackbird.

Matthew said: "For a film shot in my nan's living room with my mates as the cast, we are incredibly flattered by the success Blackbird has had!"

"If it wasn't for the Plaza Cinema, we'd have never started Some Guys with a Camera, so it's a brilliant full-circle moment to be screening it there."

Conor added: "There are many projects I'm proud of, but I think Blackbird is the perfect culmination of all our own personal strengths, weaknesses and styles to create something that is truly a Some Guys with a Camera film. Warts and all."

Christine Physick, arts and education director at the Plaza was thrilled to hear of their success, and



Conor, Matthew and John

was delighted to offer them a screening at the Plaza.

She said: "I am very proud of what they have achieved. It is amazing that three young lads from Liverpool have attracted the attention of judges at the Buenos Aires International Film Festival as well as FlickFair."

"We are delighted to help them on their journey as filmmakers by showcasing their talents at the Plaza."

Tickets for this event are free, but the Plaza is asking those attending to make a small donation on the night to help support the work of the community cinema.

If you would like to see Blackbird, email Christine Physick; christine@plazacinema.org.uk with your name, a contact number and the number of seats that you would like.

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Former mayor toasts Diamond wedding anniversary with wife

Geoff and Eileen mark 60 years of marriage with card from the Queen

Report by Tom Martin

THE first ever Mayor of West Lancashire and his wife have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a card from the Queen.

Geoff and Eileen Roberts tied the knot at St Agnes Church, in Wavertree, on July 30, 1960, before moving to Aughton where they have lived happily ever since.

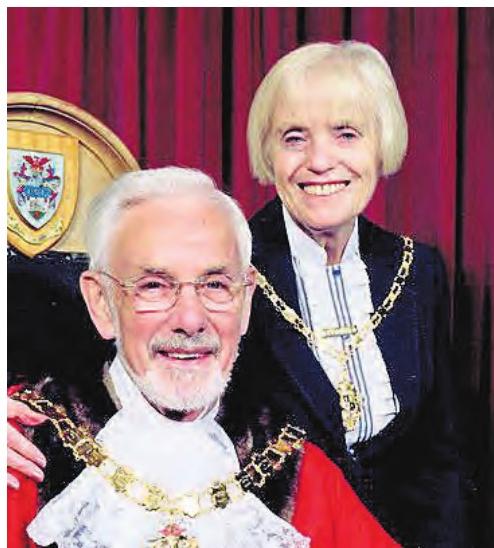
Geoff is a previous leader of the former West Lancashire District Council and was also appointed the first Mayor of West Lancashire Borough Council.

To help celebrate their Diamond wedding anniversary, they received a card from the Queen.

Geoff said: "What a surprise, when after breakfast on your special wedding anniversary, you find in the post, a card from no other than the Queen!"

Geoff and Eileen have two daughters, Susan and Kathryn, who both also have two children each.

The happy couple always found time to get involved in the local community, Eileen in Girl Guiding as well as teaching at Town Green School, and Geoff in local politics, first with Aughton Par-



Geoff when he was mayor with wife Eileen

ish Council before being elected to West Lancs District Council, where he remained for almost 30 years.

He became leader of the council, and then first mayor of the newly formed West Lancs Borough Council before retiring.

He was made an Honorary Alderman of the council in 2011. He was awarded the MBE by Prince Charles, for his service to the local community two years later.

They are both active members of Aughton and Ormskirk U3A and are say they look forward to the resumption of its activities.

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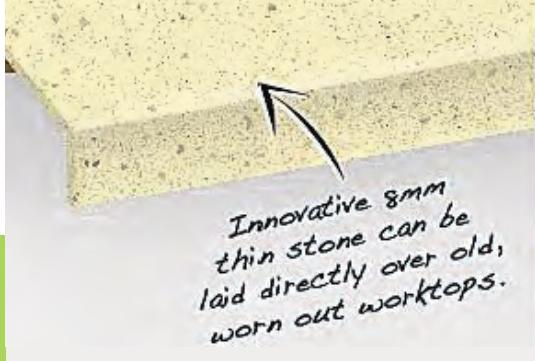
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Staff are fighting to maintain NHS

Following his letter in the West Lancashire Champion (August 19, 2020), I would like to ask Mr J Marshall if he is aware his claims, that criticisms of the government's approach to the NHS amount to 'spreading untrue and malicious gossip', are rudely disregarding the opinions of the vast majority of NHS staff?

I work in a hospital that is understaffed to the point where it is frequently an unsafe working environment.

I work in a Trust where various services have been expunged to the detriment of patients who do not get the support that, in my clinical judgement, they sorely need simply because the funds and resources to provide it don't exist any longer in the public sector.

I do so for a pay deal that amounts to a real terms pay cut due to the freeze imposed by this government in 2010 - a pay deal so poor that the unions had to apologise to staff for their role in negotiating it.

New 'normal' must be as open and inclusive as possible

With lockdown easing, it's clear the Government wants us to become more active, return to work and dine out again. not affect bus stop access. E-scooter trials must not inadvertently increase obstacles on the pavement, and businesses considering putting furniture outside should think about how disabled people will navigate around it.

It's essential that local authorities consult with disabled people to consider the effect any changes may have on people who are blind or partially sighted, or who have other mobility issues. Our 'new normal' should be as open and inclusive as possible, to help everyone get back outside - not make it more difficult.

Eleanor Thompson,
RNIB

Is it any wonder there are 40,000 nursing vacancies when not only are the conditions so undesirable, our objections to them are scorned?

I implore Mr Marshall to avoid further disrespecting NHS workers through his use of disingenuous government PR fluff to obscure what we, the people on the ground, are trying to tell the public.

If you love and value the NHS, please listen to staff and realise we do need to fight for its continued existence as the government is not telling the absolute truth and will gradually erode it to nothing if doing so profits private enterprise; many Conservative party members and donors would reap huge rewards from a privatised health care system.

Remind them that this is not what the public want; stand alongside us in protecting the NHS.

JK, (nurse),

Remove barriers!

I can't be alone in thinking the 'Covid' barriers in Ormskirk are creating more problems for motorists than safety zones for cyclists.

The cycle lane set up at the beginning of St Helens Road, opposite the bus station, directs cars into a single lane causing an already busy route even more congestion.

I drive through town often and I have yet to see a cyclist using the designated lane.

Can the council please address this problem and remove the barriers to allow traffic to flow more easily?

RD, Westhead

Visitors to resort shouldn't be discouraged from using The Atkinson

When I retired to Southport four years ago, a deciding factor was the presence of an excellent arts centre: The Atkinson.

I've been a regular attender of plays, exhibitions and talks at the venue.

Most of all, I enjoy using the tranquil library and was impatient to see it re-opened.

I was surprised to find staff outnumbered customers when I visited the Atkinson recently.

I'd hoped for a browse and a read in the reference library. The 'Great Little Place' cafe, where you'd normally be lucky to find a seat, was eerily empty - was having to give a contact number at the door that big a deterrent?

Outside, the lively Saturday Lord Street scene was in full swing.

I soon discovered that all the tables and chairs had been removed from the library itself. 'We are not allowed to congregate' said a bored-looking assistant.

I can't see why social distancing shouldn't operate in the library. In pre-lockdown days, chairs in the reference library were well-spaced and often underused.

I've wondered for some time why the Atkinson closes on a Sunday - just when visitors to the town might want to use it. The souvenir shop and Visitors' Centre must surely lose out.

So many of Southport shops have closed but surely we don't need to make matters worse by discouraging visitors from entering the town's uniquely iconic building?

S. Cornelius,
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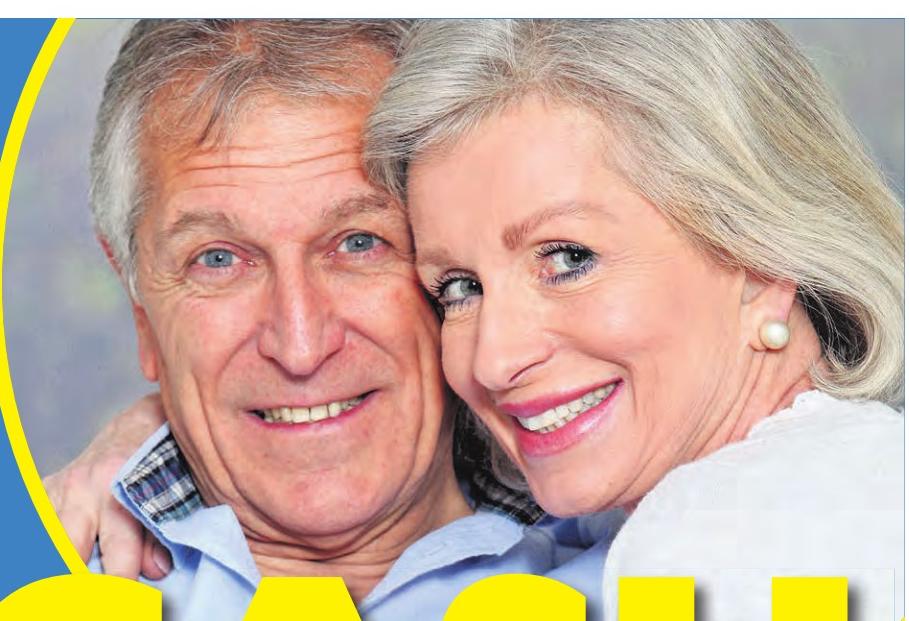
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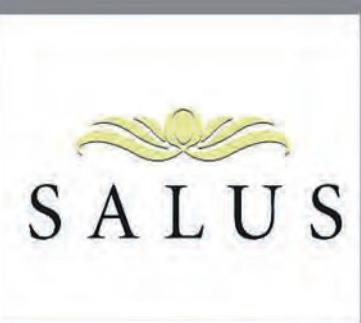
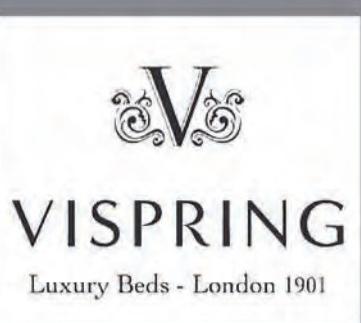
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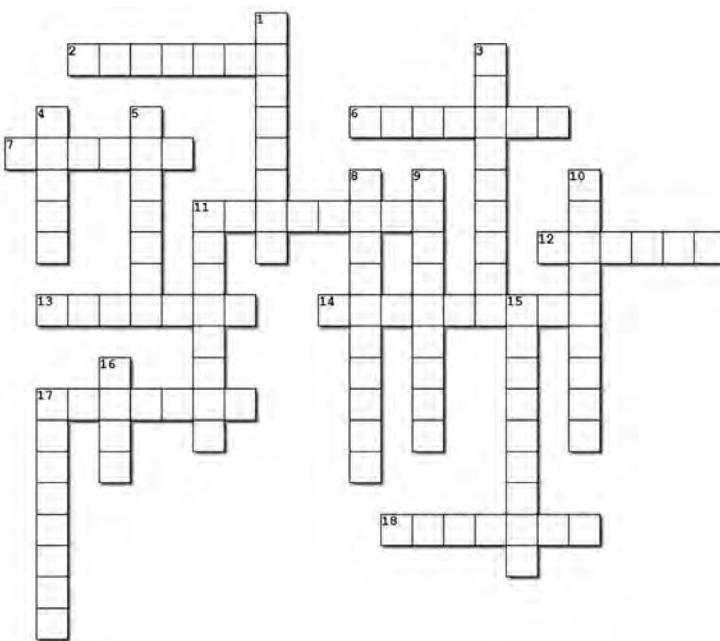


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17. A group of three related novels, plays or films (7)
18. Made for a particular customer or user (7)

DOWN:

1. Animal associated with Christmas (8)
3. Playfully quaint or fanciful (9)
4. Praise and honour received for achievement (5)
5. Declare one's public approval or support (7)
8. Not deterred by danger or pain (10)
9. A word naming an attribute of a noun (9)
10. Person who makes and repairs wooden objects (9)
11. A leave of absence from work (8)
15. A feeling of fondness (9)
16. A long walk (4)
17. Houses formed in a continuous row (8)

M58 slip roads finally open to reduce traffic

Report by Tom Martin

THE long-awaited opening of the M58 Junction 1 slip roads took place last week after it had been delayed due to the pandemic.

The new motorway slip roads are expected to reduce traffic for motorists travelling into Liverpool.

Many local residents and motorists had been left frustrated by the delayed opening, which was blamed on 'lockdown complicating the legal process'.

It opened to traffic on Friday, August 21 to help reduce congestion in the area as well as improve journey times.

As part of the works, Sefton Council has also completed a section of cycle track which will extend into Kirkby helping to improve travel throughout the borough.

Cllr John Fairclough, Cabinet Member for Locality Services said: "I would like to thank motorists for their continued patience and cooperation while these works have been undertaken."

"The benefits of the new junction will reduce travel time, making it much easier for people in the local area to access the motorway network, while reducing traffic and air pollution on congested roads."



The new slip road

Funded jointly by Sefton Council and the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, the delivery of the M58 Junction 1 slip roads was one of the council's 'key commitments' set out in the Sefton Local Plan.

Sefton Council has led on the development and delivery of the scheme in conjunction with Highways England and contractor John Sisk and Sons.

Rob Heywood, Route Manager for Highways England said: "We've worked closely with Sefton Council to develop the new slip roads and are pleased to hear they have opened. Adding two new slip roads to this junction will help ease traffic congestion in the local area and allow for new homes and jobs to be created."

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Maggie, 3, to represent county at beauty pageant

A THREE-year-old from Skelmersdale will represent Lancashire in the Miss Diamond UK Finals.

Maggie Heron (left) has been picked to take part in the February 2021 event and will be given a chance to compete in America if successful.

The youngster, with the help of her mum, has been raising awareness of charity through her

involvement in previous beauty pageants.

A description of Maggie on the Miss Diamond UK Finals website states: "Maggie is an outgoing little girl with a big personality. She loves wearing pink and being girly but also isn't afraid to get a little muddy with her big brother Nathan."

"She's very caring and loves helping take care of her baby sister Molly."

Road closure to 'help people social distance' and encourage cycling

Report by Tom Martin

A TEMPORARY road closure on an Ormskirk street will "help social distancing and encourage people to walk and cycle", according to Lancashire County Council.

The measure has been introduced on Yew Tree Road, between Hill Crest Road and Crofton Avenue, and vehicles accessing north of numbers 29/32 Yew Tree Road and Hillcrest Road will be required to access from the north and County Road.

Vehicles accessing south of 29/32 Yew Tree Road and Croft-

son Avenue will be required to access from the south and Burscough Road. A signed diversion is now in place.

It has been introduced to "help to make it easier for people to cycle".

County Councillor Keith Iddon, Lancashire County Council cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "Over the last few months we have all seen significant changes to our day to day lives, to how businesses operate and how people use our public spaces, as a result of the measures taken by every one of us in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"These measures are part of our emergency response to help Lancashire control and recover from the coronavirus, and we will keep them under review."

as possible as lockdown measures ease and footfall increases.

Current advice is to avoid using public transport unless your journey is really necessary, so instead we're asking people to walk and cycle if they can.

"We've already introduced some temporary measures to create more space for people to keep apart in the busiest areas of Ormskirk town centre, and this point closure on Yew Tree Road will help to make it easier for people to cycle as an alternative to using public transport or driving.

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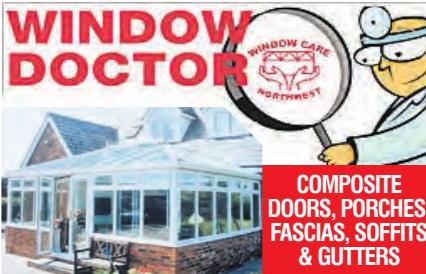
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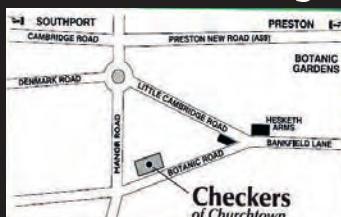
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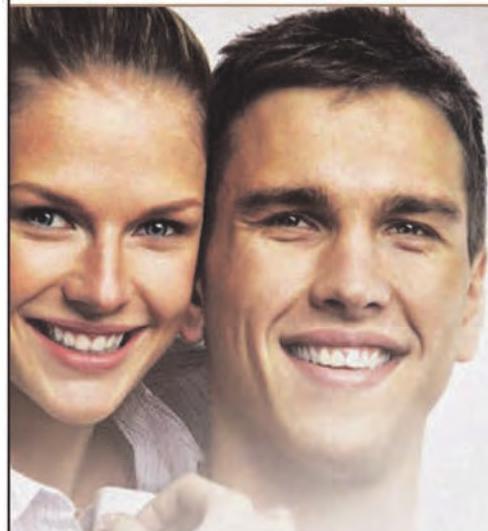


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2 LAMP TABLES Mahogany finish pair of round bedside/lamp/ end/ occasional tables with under shelf 40cm diameter, 61cm high. VGC £30 May deliver 01704560150

BREAKFAST BAR CHAIRS x 4 wooden, grey striped, excellent condition £60. 2 pairs grey striped curtains, Next, 90/90 66/90, excellent condition £20 0151 2849763

TANGLEDWOOD GUITAR Tw strk acoustic guitar limited edition lightly used at home only. Excellent condition. £10 07486131930

MISC

VACUUM FLASK Large 2 Litre Flask as new £5 0787 5141036

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Special thanks to Chase Heys, Churchtown district nurses, Queenscourt at home and Dr Grenyer for their wonderful care, kindness and support and to Fr John for his love and prayers.

Thank you so much to M. Rushton Funeral Directors for their kindness and dignity.

HALSALL GILLIAN

26th August 1963



No longer in our lives to share
But in our hearts you are always there.

Miss you so much,
Love Mum and Family xx

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26th August 1939
to
26th March 2020

Birthday wishes to Heaven we send, wrapped in love that will never end

Love Sylvia and family XXXXX

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DEATHS

SEDWICK LOUISA

Passed away peacefully in hospital
19th August 2020
Aged 100 years

Dearly loved Mum to Noel, Leonard and Patricia.
Greatly missed by 4 Grandchildren, 15 Great Grandchildren and 7 Great Great Grandchildren.

Funeral Service to be held at Greenacres, Rainford on Tuesday 1st September at 2pm. Family flowers only please but donations are welcome to the Church of Christ.

WRIGHT JACQUELINE (NEE BEATTIE)

Peacefully in hospital.

Dearly beloved Wife of Irvin, Much loved Mum of Liam, Bradley and Calvin.
Mother-in-law of Nam. Dear Granny of Lacey. Sister of Gary, Sandra, Wendy, Annette and Steven. Jackie will be sadly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.

Close family only to attend due to current coronavirus restrictions. No flowers or donations by request.

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**SIMMONS
EDWARD
(EDDIE)**
14th August 2020

Peacefully in hospital
aged 90 years of
Skelmersdale.

The dearly loved
Husband of Kathleen,
loving Dad of Paul,
dear Father in Law of
Janet and devoted
Grandad of Adam,
Jonathan and Jennifer.

Funeral service at
West Lancashire
Crematorium,
Burscough on Friday
28th August 2020 at
11:00am.
Family flowers only
please.

All enquiries to
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H Hardman & Co.,
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Funeral Directors
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**KEARNEY
MARTIN**

22nd August 2020
Peacefully at his home in
Skelmersdale aged 88
years.

The dearly loved
Husband of the late
Ethel, a loving Dad
and Grandad.

All enquiries to
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**FRANCIS
DAVID ROBERT**

20th August 2020
Aged 71 years

Peacefully at home
after a long illness,
surrounded by his
loving Sister Yvette
and Brother-in-law
Frank. David will be
sadly missed by all his
family and friends.

Funeral service
will take place at
Greenacres, Rainford
on Thursday 27th
August at 2.00pm.

All enquiries to
Margaret Whitelam,
Skelmersdale
Funeral Service,
29/31 Sandy Lane
Tel 01695 559868

**LAMB
DOROTHY
ELIZABETH**
16th August 2020

Peacefully in hospital
aged 90 years of
Skelmersdale.

The dearly loved
Wife of the late
Walter, loving Mum of
Linda, dear Mother in
Law of Barry and
devoted Nanna of
Martyn, Jonathan and
Christopher.

Funeral service at
West Lancashire
Crematorium,
Burscough on
Wednesday 2nd
September 2020
at 11:00am.
Family flowers only
please.

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**TODD
VERA ELLEN**

Passed away peacefully
in Southport Hospital on
20th August 2020
aged 92 years.

Loving Mum to
Margaret and
Christine, reunited
with her husband
John.
She will be loved and
missed.

Funeral Service
at West Lancs
Crematorium
on Tuesday 1st
September 2020 at
10.00am
Family flowers only
please by request
but donations if
so desired can be
donated directly to
Cancer Research UK.

Further enquiries
please contact
Anabel Hunter, MLS
Independent Funeral
Directors,
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Aughton
Tel 01695 424888.

**RIDING
AUDREY**

14th August 2020
After a short illness
Aged 80 Years

Beloved Wife of the
late Jim. Much loved
Mum of Mark and
Tim. Mum-in-Law of
Sharon and Claire.
Dear Grandma of
Fay, Paul, Louise and
Rhiannon.

Funeral Service was
held at St. Andrews
Church, Maghull on
Wednesday 25th
August 2020 at
12:00noon which
was followed by a
committal service
at West Lancashire
Crematorium,
Burscough. There
were family flowers
only, but donations
if desired to Cancer
Research UK.

For all enquiries,
please contact
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L31 5JB
0151 526 3330

**TAYLOR
IRENE**

17th August 2020
Peacefully surrounded
by her family
aged 97 years.

Much loved Mum of
John, Pam and Karen.
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Nanny to all of her
grandchildren and
great-grandchildren.
Irene will be sadly
missed and forever
loved by all her family
and friends.

Funeral service and
committal will take
place at Southport
Crematorium on
Monday 7th
September 2020
at 12 noon.
Close family only to
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**CORLESS
ELSIE MAY**

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aged 92 years.

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the Late Donald.
Much loved Mum of
Hazel and Claire.
Dear Mother-In-Law
of Mark.
Loving Nan of Sam,
Jenni, Fiona and Jake.
Elsie will be sadly
missed by all her
family, friends and all
who knew her.

Funeral Service will
take place at Leyland
Road Methodist
Church at 1pm
followed by Committal
at West Lancashire
Crematorium at 2pm
for family members
on Tuesday 1st
September 2020.
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Salvation Army.

Further enquiries
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**BOOTH
LUISE
ELSA**

Suddenly at home on
Wednesday 19th August,
aged 94 years.

Dearly beloved Wife of
Vincent.
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of Ann, Steven and
Janet.
Dear Mother-in-Law of
Eric and Lydia.
Devoted Nana of
Andrew, Karen, Anna
and Hayley.
Loving Sister of Mena,
Henney, Maria and
Karl.

Luise will be sadly
missed by all her
family and friends and
all who knew her.

Funeral Service and
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place at Southport
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at 12 noon, due to
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MARGARET
"PEGGY"**

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PATRICK
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You wait ages for a new Rolls-Royce – then two of them glide up at once!

TYPICAL, M'Lord. You wait ages for a new Rolls-Royce – and then two gracefully glide up at once!

At least that's how I think the landed gentry version of the old joke about buses goes, but it is true; there really are two new Rolls-Royces which *The Champion's* richer readers – and all of the rest of us, provided our numbers come up this Saturday – will want to know about, so it's only right that you know which of them I'd spend my hard-earned inheritance on. It's all useful consumer advice, honestly!

The first is from a small company in Silverstone, which has announced that it's going to be taking 30 old Phantoms and Silver Clouds, restoring them and fitting them out with electric motors.

For £350,000 what you're getting is a classic car from Lunaz that they say is future-proofed for a time when you'll no longer be able to fill it up with petrol, and if its similar work on Jaguars and Bentleys is anything to go by, I've no doubt that the engineering will be top drawer.

I'm not so sure. I've driven electric classics before, and while swapping out, say, a Fiat 500's engine with a zero emissions motor can turn it into something that'll give hot hatches a run for their money at the lights, doing it to



a Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud feels like a bit like ripping the innards out of a Breitling Navitimer and dropping digital Casio tech in its place. Having been lucky enough to drive a Silver Cloud – oh, alright then, it was a Bentley S2 - I can confirm that its absolutely magnificent L-Series engine is a fundamental facet of its character.

It's whisper-quiet, loaded to the brim with low-down torque and endlessly reliable if it's looked – all the things you look for in an electric motor, funny enough.

The fact that this V8 only went out of production this summer, considering it was introduced in 1959, shows that its makers loved it too.

In fact, if you're thinking of spending this sort of money on a Rolls-Royce, I'd

go for....a Rolls-Royce. The chaps down at Goodwood might have stuck with their BMW-derived V12s for the new Ghost but in the meantime they've been hard at work on something they call their "Formula for Serenity" – basically, they've stuffed any empty area they could find on the two-door coupé with 100kg of sound deadening material, but when they found the resulting silence to be weirdly disorientating, they then tuned all the components to have a particular resonant frequency, like you might with a piano.

To finish it all off, they've integrated 152 LEDs into the dashboard fascia, so that at night the trim twinkles like a starry night sky. You just don't get that sort of attention-to-detail on the Skoda Superb.

So the Ghost is a hefty luxury car that's been weighed down with sound deadening and impressive but needless new toys – so it's a proper Rolls-Royce, then.

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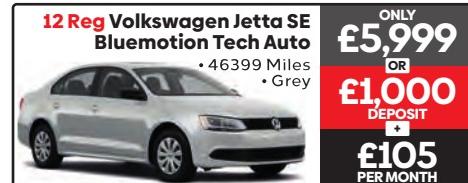
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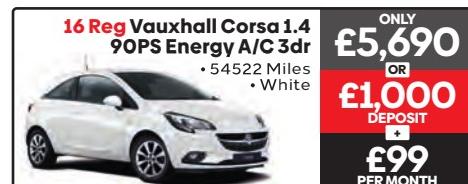
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Pandora's Box: Built on exceptional bra fitting & knowledge

Pandora's Box in Ormskirk have been back to business since June, after the lockdown period, when they were forced to close like others. Pandora's Box have been in business spreading across three decades and have faced many hurdles in the past, but the COVID-19 pandemic has certainly presented some new challenges!

We spoke to Jackie Wood, owner of Pandora's Box to get her thoughts on how the crisis has impacted her business and what changes she has implemented.

Jackie said; "It's imperative that in a crisis you try to adapt accordingly, and take stock of what you need to do just to survive. To begin with it was difficult to see how a very intimate service led business like ours could adapt and still retain the level of service our customers have come to expect and appreciate."

Pandora's Box have built their reputation and business model on exceptional bra fitting and knowledge of how bras fit differently for each woman. This has always been done in a one on one private environment with relatively close contact due to bras having to be fitted on ladies. With COVID-19 restrictions in place for health and safety, Pandora's Box knew this wouldn't be something they could continue to do. With their point of difference removed, how would they carry on doing what they have always done? After many discussions and research, they devised the system they have running at the moment and one they will keep for as long as necessary. Previously they had 3 fitting rooms open to fit ladies for their bras, with no room for two people to socially distance. During lockdown and prior to opening again they erected a temporary wall covering all 3 fitting rooms. Now, they just have one fitting room open with enough room and privacy for a customer to try on, allowing one of Pandora's Box fitting consultants to 'distant' fit if required.

Jackie went on to say; "This was our biggest challenge – we knew we had to carry on fitting ladies for their bras and



giving advice, but at first we were really unsure how to do this.

There was no specific advice or guidelines for our sector, so we just had to have lots of discussions about what would work the best. We were still unsure if it would work and how people would respond, but we're very glad we did it as it's working really well."

Aside from making the usual changes as most retailers have, such as having hand sanitising stations, Perspex screens for protection, limiting the number of people in the shop at any one time etc, Pandora's Box have also implemented a private consultation period during every day. They are now open from 10am to 2pm every day apart from Sunday for general browsing and shopping – this includes the distant fitting service if required; however from 2.30pm people can make private 30 minute appointments. This means that

people who are little more nervous about sharing the shop with another person, or who don't want to queue to get in because of the limitations, they can have the shop to themselves for up to 30 minutes. They can be distant fitted if they wish, or just do some private shopping, getting the undivided attention of Jackie and her team. This is a free service, and one which is working very well for Pandora's Box and customers alike.

Jackie said, "We were originally only going to do private appointments, however we decided having a mix was probably the right thing to do, to cater for different needs. We have set up a booking system on our website, which is really easy to use, and allows women to book online for a time that is convenient."

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Josephs - embracing a new way to interact with customers

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Likewise, the team at Josephs have embraced a different way to interact with their customers.

It's back to business for Josephs and they have risen to the challenge to make a safer yet pleasurable environment in which to shop. As Josephs specialism is bespoke jewellery design and creation, it felt like the natural step towards implementing a by appointment only, private consultation booking system to cater for this service. They are renowned for creating bespoke jewellery using their in-house Goldsmith and Computer Aided Design technology. The team consult with their customer and establish a relationship, gaining an insight into their jewellery tastes and desires. This allows Josephs to create a truly unique and individual piece of jewellery.

Family heirlooms and other precious jewellery can also be remodelled to the individual requirements of the customer. Josephs can turn sentimental family heirlooms into modern fashionable day versions, making them more wearable and likely to be passed down to future generations.

Other changes implemented by Josephs to ensure the safety of their customers and staff have been shorter opening hours, regular cleaning of equipment and jewellery, fitted perspex screens on both counters, hand sanitising stations and a maximum of two people in the shop at anyone time. The private appointments are available from 4pm each day. Although not a legal requirement, Josephs took the decision to ask all of their staff if they would be happy wearing face shields to further protect themselves and instil more confidence in their customers. Wearing face shields instead of masks allows the team to interact fully with their customers in a more friendly and personal environment.

We recently interviewed Dani, Josephs branded jewellery consultant and daughter of owner Sean Gibney on her

thoughts about the current situation.

How have you found working in a 'new' environment?

It was strange at first, but having all the procedures we have put in place has made us feel safe and able to keep our customers safe.

What measurements have you put in place to make it safe for your customers?

We have screens on both of our counters which enables us to still handle jewellery and tend to our customers in a safe but accessible way. We also have hand sanitisers on both counters and social distance markers on the floor. We open at the slightly later time of 10am to enable us to clean and sanitise surfaces. Only two people are allowed in the shop at one time.

Are the current Government guidelines working for your business?

The guidelines are in place to keep us all safe so we have to adhere to them. Business has naturally slowed down for everybody as everything takes much longer with the limited number of people we can have in the shop at any one time and also extra cleaning and sanitising, but generally it has been really good.

Are people having to wait a long time to enter the shop?

The waiting time to come into the shop is usually not long. We have also put an appointment system in place, whereby we close the shop at 4pm and accept appointments from then on to accommodate people needing longer to see us. These appointments are aimed at people looking for engagement rings, wedding rings or remodels and bespoke jewellery. This is working really well.

What has the feedback from customers been like so far?

Customers have been amazing. They are really supportive and glad to see us open again. People are very understanding and patient, even when they have to wait to come in. We are all in the same boat and have to get used to the new 'normal' for the time being.

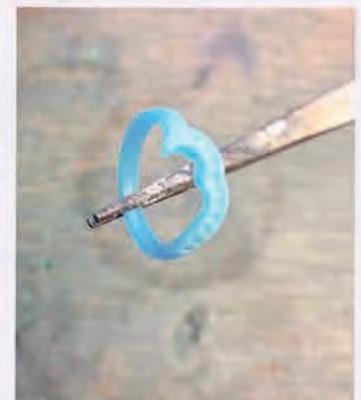


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2020 has been a year of challenge for 5050, the damage that Covid-19 has done to our community, our friends and our families has been nothing short of devastating, but with the sacrifice and support of our NHS staff, and our fantastic key workers we are coming together to get through this pandemic and rise again as a strong and vibrant community.

BLUELINE FIVE-O TAXIS, has worked hard to supply a service throughout the Lockdown and beyond, 24 hours a day to support those vital workers, and also our customers that required essential transport during Lockdown.

The Covid-19 crisis has been a completely different kind of challenge, we expect that there weren't many businesses that had a plan in place for such disruption, Yet, so many are bouncing back and trying to come through it and remain in business.

We are mindful of those businesses that have not survived, and we lament their demise.

It is at a time like this that all communities need to come together and support each other and hopefully we can do that by supporting small businesses in the area.

We will play our part and we will, shop at our local stores, eat at our local restaurants, socialise in the local pubs.

When the Lockdown came we were fortunate enough to be able to move our Taxi Booking and Dispatch operation into our homes and the homes of our staff.

Thanks to our choice of modern technology we were able to set up our offices wherever we had an internet connection, as others ran to catch up, we were ahead of the game.

During Lockdown and beyond our BLUELINE FIVE-O TAXIS Taxi App really came in to its own, it sometimes seems hard to believe that after 36 years of trying our best to brainwash people with our various 5050 telephone numbers that we

are now encouraging people not to ring us but use an App! Thousands of our customers every week now choose to book cars via our Taxi App on their own mobile phone, and with our own version of track and trace, customers can now follow the Taxi as it makes its way to their pick up point.

Gone are the days of "He's on the way," simply because you can now see the car on our maps on your own phone, coupled with the security of the driver's license and insurance having to be fully up to date in the system before fares will be allocated, and the satisfying features of choosing types of vehicle, size of vehicle.

Even if you don't want to get in the Taxi you can always just select FIVE-O TO GO our new Takeaway or Shopping Delivery Service, and coupled with the choice of whether you wish to pay via contactless card payments or cash the world really is your lobster! DID SOMEBODY SAY FIVE-O?

Modern technology has certainly changed the Taxi job for companies like BLUELINE FIVE-O TAXIS, It is now very true to say that there is nothing that Global Ride Share Companies can offer via their systems that progressive local companies like BLUELINE FIVE-O TAXIS cannot also offer via their own systems.

When you make the choice to use a local company like BLUELINE FIVE-O TAXIS, you really are supporting local business. As we come out of the gloom, our team of fantastic drivers and our dedicated staff have uttered the cry, "Onwards and upwards", and we owe it to them to bounce back better, bigger and stronger than before and to serve our loyal customers and those customers that have yet to discover us.

We have at the insistence of our drivers and staff come out of the traps running, we have expanded the areas that we cover across Merseyside and West Lancashire, We are

fully licensed for Knowsley Borough Council, Liverpool City Council, Sefton Borough Council and also West Lancashire Borough Council Private Hire Cars and Drivers, and we are now fully operational in Aintree, Aughton, Bickerstaffe, Bootle, Burscough, Crosby, Fazakerley, Halsall, Haskayne, Kirkby, Lathom, Liverpool, Maghull, Melling, Netherton, Newburgh, Orrell Park, Parbold, Rainford, Rufford, Scarisbrick, Skelmersdale, Southport, Speke, Walton, and all the surrounding villages and towns.

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We are looking forward to the future and its new normal in a positive frame of mind, we believe that we have adapted and found a way to survive this crisis and also to continue improving how we supply our own unique brand of Private Hire Taxis.

Our drivers introduced a stringent clean down policy at the start of the Lockdown whereby all touch areas such as door handles, seat belts, window handles or buttons are sanitised and cleaned after each and every fare, and it continues to this day,

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We are going the extra mile to comply with our new way of life and its procedures, and all of our drivers and staff are doing all they can to ensure that we play our part in helping to keep our communities safe.

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With three decades' experience, we combine industry knowledge and quality craftsmanship to offer an expert customer service and installation.

With an impressive showroom on Ormskirk Road, the company has more than 100 different fires on display at any one time, and carries both contemporary and modern styles, including a selection of unique, wall-hanging electric fires, gas fires, coal and log-effect fires and a number of exclusive brands of fires, which are available in wood burning, gas, electric and multi-fuel designs.

The Fireplace Studio also stock Faber fires which have gas burners situated inside artificial logs, which provides one of the most realistic fire effects on the market.

Specialising in solid wood mantels, the company has many styles, colours and materials to choose from, including luxury Italian stone, Portuguese limestone, marble, granite, oak, American tulip wood and mahogany.

They pride themselves on offering customers something a bit different and continuously review stock to provide the very latest contemporary fire designs as well as popular traditional styles.

Committed to quality, the specialist firm offers a full service, with fireplaces covered by a full manufacturer's warranty. A delivery service within the local area is also available.

Proud of its excellent reputation, the professional team is always happy to offer expert advice on the right fireplace for you. What's more, all fitters are fully qualified and GAS SAFE & HETAS registered and a complete after care service is provided as standard.

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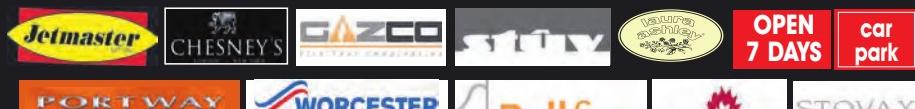
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A new kitchen is a major decision and purchase for any homeowner. It has to be designed and installed to suit your needs and made of the highest quality materials at a price that's affordable to you.

As one of the most used and visible spaces in your home you need someone who will help you make the most of the space and help you decide what will be the most practical solution for your family - this is what Cygnets pride themselves on.

Opened in 2013 by Paul Wilkinson and Brian Critchley, Cygnets Kitchens, based in Ormskirk, quickly established itself as a well respected, independent, family run business who stop at nothing to ensure you receive nothing but satisfaction from start to finish. Paul and Brian have 40 years experience and take pride in their well deserved reputation with 80% of their new business coming from recommendations. Paul points out "this is probably the most important aspect of the business to us. 100% customer satisfaction is what we strive to deliver to every job".

With one of the largest kitchen showrooms in the North West, Cygnets Kitchens offer a huge choice. From the latest trends in ultra modern to traditional kitchens to suit every taste. A wide range of German kitchens by

Schuller (Kitchens for Life) are also on display here. Sourcing and utilising the very best quality products at the best prices they pride themselves on being able to adapt to their customers requirements with clever storage solutions, a great layout, and lighting options to create the perfect space you are dreaming of.

From your very first phone call or step into the showroom you can be sure of expert friendly advice to make the process enjoyable and hassle free. They are able to take on board your ideas and develop them while making suggestions and improvements along the way using highly trained technicians who will always go the extra mile to ensure each job is delivered on time and within the agreed budget. All jobs are project managed and only highly trained quality tradesmen are used from start to finish.

Add to this partnership with some of the biggest and highly regarded brands in the UK (AEG, BOSCH and SIEMENS to name but a few) you can put your trust in Cygnets Kitchens to make your kitchen dreams a reality.

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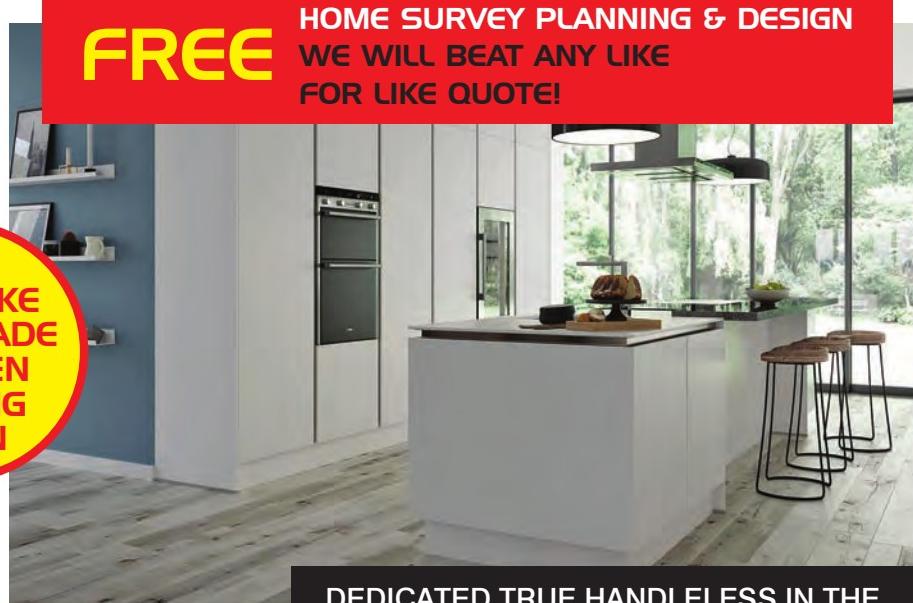
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The service and professionalism we offer is second to none

Based in the picturesque village of Parbold Lancashire, Massam and Marshall Independent Family Funeral Directors specialise in care of the deceased and funeral arrangements with those left behind. Our dedicated team have a wealth of experience having worked within both national companies and also with independent funeral directors. Through this extensive experience, our aim is to deliver the highest levels of service whilst ensuring we are there to assist our families every step of the way.

Massam and Marshall registered as a business in January of 2020 after David Massam, the company director had worked for several companies previously including Dignity and Funeral Partners as well as other notable independent funeral directors. David has been fortunate to have witnessed some amazing practices from different funeral directors and wanted to start his own company with his long term friend and business associate Charles Marshall to ensure families in West Lancashire had a professional, affordable and dedicated option available to them.

Being independent also means we can work with you to achieve affordable options as we know that a funeral payment can be one of the single most expensive 'products' that someone has to purchase and we can find ways to make that easier and more affordable, to suit the budget of the individual. In terms of our plans, we offer Open funeral plans who are an FPA registered funeral plan provider giving you assurance and confidence of the highest standards of care, service and responsibility.

Our testimonials speak for themselves showing that the service and professionalism we offer is second to none. First and foremost we are here to offer advice to anyone who has been unfortunate enough to lose someone. We also offer a Saturday bereavement café which, due to obvious reasons with the pandemic is currently on hold, but we plan to offer this aftercare service where those struggling with grief following a funeral or just those people who want to know a little bit more or gain some no-obligation advice can attend on a Saturday morning and meet other people who may be going through the same thing. We offer light refreshments (the proceeds of which go to charity) and hopefully this service offers them a bit more assistance.

The biggest change that has come to my business is the ongoing pandemic. COVID-19 has been devastating to the funeral industry as many funeral directors have had to pass on such unfortunate restrictions to families who, quite rightly, just want to give their loved ones the send off they truly deserve. To have to restrict the number of mourners at a funeral is hugely difficult as many clients feel it is not befitting of the person. It has been devastating for us as we have not been able to network in the same way we would have ordinarily be able to, to make sure people know about us and the services we provide. Corresponding with someone by email or letter is never the same as meeting someone face to face.

Like with any new business, it is always a tentative start as you want to ensure the business is successful. In the funeral industry this is even harder as you literally

trusting someone with something so important and there is really only one chance to do a funeral right. We do not take this pressure lightly and work tirelessly to ensure the funeral is what the family anticipate and need in terms of helping them in the grieving process.

In terms of the future, hopefully the pandemic and the restrictions around it will ease with people's better health over time. We continue to work with our governing body, the Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors with their advice and we do everything we can.

It has always been my dream and goal, to have my own business where I can truly make a difference and help. We have now helped several families with funerals and have sold a good many funeral plans which means we are trusted and can now go about doing what we do best. We have quickly become an established part of the local community with scope to help the wider area. I am extremely proud of the feedback we regularly receive from the families we assist. It is a great feeling knowing that we can make things that bit easier for people during such a difficult time.

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